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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KATSUHISA OGAWA, ET AL.) : Examiner: T. Luu
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

The listed document was cited in a European Search Report (dated May 5, 2000), issued in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of that European Search Report is also enclosed.

The purported relevance of the non-English document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is indicated as category 'P, X' in the European Search Report. The Examiner is respectfully referred to the English Abstract included in

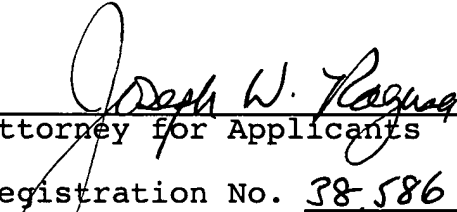
that non-English document, for the concise statement of relevance thereof.

It is believed that no fee is due. However, if any fee is due, please charge, or credit any overpayment to, our Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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